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HADLIGH U.S.A. DISTRICT COUNCIL

(WEST SUFFOLK)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1949

To The Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1949 on behalf of Dr. J.B.M. Mayes, who resigned on the 31st December 1949.

The Vital Statistics for the year under review show no significant trend to which it is necessary to draw special attention, and none of the Infectious Diseases approached epidemic proportions.

I wish to express my indebtedness to Mr. H.R. Woolvett, Clerk to the Council, and to Mr. A.S. Garman, Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector, for their willing assistance which greatly facilitated the compilation of this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

G.P. BARCLAY,

Medical Officer for Health.

Section A.

1. General Statistics

Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 2990	Area 4,317 acres
Number of inhabited houses 1000	Rateable Value
	£12,154 at 31.12.49
Sum represented by a penny rate £47	

2. Extracts of Vital Statistics for the Year

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	Total	M	F	Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population
Legitimate	46	20	26	16.05
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	England and Wales 16.7
Total	<u>48</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>26</u>	

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	Total	M	F	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population
Legitimate	1	0	1	0.36
Illegitimate	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population, England & Wales 0.39
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	

<u>DEATHS</u> registered in 1949			
Total 36	Male 14	Female 22	Death Rate (crude) 12.0
			Death Rate of England and Wales 11.7

Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-birth	
(a) Sepsis	0
(b) Other causes	0
Death of infants under one year	0
Death Rate of infants under one year in England & Wales per 1,000 live births	32

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	1	2	3
Measles...	0	0	0
Whooping Cough..	0	0	0
Diarrhoea	0	0	0
Heart Disease...	4	10	14
Other diseases of the Circulatory System	0	0	0
Bronchitis	1	0	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	5	4	9
Pneumonia	1	0	1

Section B

Prevalence of Infectious Diseases

CASES NOTIFIED.

	No notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Whooping Cough	2	Nil	Nil
Measles...	1	Nil	Nil
Acute Pneumonia	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	2	Nil	Nil

One case of food poisoning occurred during 1949 with a fatal result

TUBERCULOSIS

New notifications	1	Pulmonary...	1
		Non-pulmonary	0
Cases removed from register during year...	2	Recovered ..	1
		Diagnosis not confirmed.	1

Section C

1 Public Health Staff

Medical Officer (part time)

One Sanitary Inspector (part time) - A.S Garman, M.I.Mun.E , C.R.S.I.

2 Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council's Home nursing and midwifery service supply two District Nurses

3. Infant Welfare Centres

The West Suffolk County Council provide one centre in the town.

4. Health Visiting

The West Suffolk County Council supply Hadleigh & District with a Health Visitor (part time)

Section D

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

WATER SUPPLY

20 further connections to the water mains were made during the year making the total number of houses now connected 734 in addition to other properties

21 samples of water from the three public supplies were taken. Four of the samples from one borehole were not up to the standard for a public supply, and a chlorination plant was fixed at this station. The supplies from the other two sources were satisfactory.

Excessive pumping was necessary during the year, particularly through the very dry summer months, but the yield of water was good and it was not necessary to impose any restrictions.

A short extension to the water main was made at Castle Road

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Particulars of the new drainage to the sewers are given under the heading of work done

23 further connections to the sewers were made during the year making the total number of houses now connected 646 in addition to other properties. A short extension to the sewer was made in Castle Road, and also in Castle Lane

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Cesspools, Privy Pits and Pail Closets

The emptying of these is still undertaken by the Council with a scale of charges to occupiers of houses. The work is decreasing as further connections to the sewers are made

During the year, the following were emptied by the Council's plant:-

Cesspools, 13. Privy Pits, 17 Pail Closets, 3178

Scavenging

The arrangements for the collection and disposal of house refuse are the same as last year, the refuse being collected and taken to a satisfactory tip outside the town by a Contractor. Collections are made once per week

Section E

HOUSING.

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

Private enterprise...	...	...	3
Council ...	...	...	10

Houses owned by the Council at the end of the year:-

Permanent	...	...	120
Temporary Prefabricated houses	...	...	10

Statutory notices served under
Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936 ... 1

Section F

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS

One supplementary licence renewed during the year for the sale of pasteurised milk

Section G

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

1 Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections.
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	9
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	18	-
Total	21	9

2. Cases in which defects were found

Nil

3. Outwork.

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (i) (c) (3)
Wearing apparel, making etc.	
Cleaning and washing	3
Total	3

FOOD & DRUGS ACT 1938, Section 14

One new registration for the sale of icecream. Total number now registered 8

Section H

Particulars of inspections and other work carried out by the Sanitary Inspector for the year ended 31st December 1949.

Visits of inspection	...	...	...	...	272
Factories, including Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	9
Dairies and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	2
Informal notices served on owners and others..	...	...	...	...	23
Informal notices complied with	...	...	...	...	12
Work done under notices to owners and others, and without notices:-					
New connections to the sewer (representing 56 houses, 6 Council houses, and 1 garage)	...	...	...	...	23
New W.Cs connected to the sewer	...	...	...	...	72
Existing W.Cs. connected to the sewer...	...	...	...	...	3
New sinks connected to the sewer	...	...	...	...	56
Existing sinks connected to the sewer...	...	...	...	...	5
New baths connected to the sewer	...	...	...	...	14
Existing baths connected to the sewer...	...	...	...	...	2
New wash basins connected to the sewer..	...	...	...	...	13
Existing wash basins connected to the sewer...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of cesspools filled in	...	...	...	...	3
Number of privy pits filled in	...	...	...	...	26
Number of pail closets discontinued	...	...	...	...	27
Repairs of cottages (general)	...	...	...	...	7
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	5
Cases of infectious disease enquired into	...	...	...	...	2
Cases of food poisoning enquired into...	...	...	...	...	1
Samples of water from public supply for bacteriological and chemical analysis	...	...	...	...	21
Samples of water from private supplies..	...	...	...	...	3
Rooms disinfected after cases of scarlet fever	...	...	...	...	2
Specimens submitted to Bacteriologist in connection with men working on water supplies	...	...	...	...	8
Food condemned as unfit for human consumption:-					

29½ lbs English Beef.
 15 tins Ideal Milk.
 1 tin peaches
 3 tins meat
 1 tin fish
 2 tins beans
 5 tins evaporated milk
 1 packet dried eggs.

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Medical Officer of Health.

